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New Literature

OLD TESTAMENT

BOOKS

CORNILL, C. H. Introduction to the Canonical Books of the Old Testament. Translated by G. H. Box. [Theological Translation Library, Vol. XXIII.] New York: Putnam, 1907. Pp. xii + 556.

Cornill's *Einleitung* has long held its place in Germany as the most popular introduction to the Old Testament literature. It should find a hearty welcome in its English form among the English-speaking peoples. As compared with Driver's well-known *Introduction*, it is easier reading, and at the same time is characterized by a bolder critical attitude. The work of translation has been well done.

VINCENT, H. Canaan d'après l'exploration récente. [Etudes bibliques.] Paris: Gabalda, 1907. Pp. xii + 494.

One of the clearest and best presentations of the results of recent Palestinian excavation and discovery that has yet been made. It covers the work done since 1890 A. D. In addition to his critical attitude and scholarly equipment in general, the author has had the advantage of extended residence in Palestine, and so speaks with the authority of an eyewitness. A series of 310 illustrations, carefully chosen, adds much to the value of the book.

CARUS, P. The Story of Samson, and Its Place in the Religious Development

of Mankind. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co., 1907. Pp. viii + 183.

This beautifully illustrated book abounds in parallels to the Samson story from other literatures than the Hebrew, and sets forth the unhistorical character of the story as a sun-myth. The view is not new, but is more fully presented here than elsewhere.

ARTICLES

Die Theologie der Gegenwart. Herausgegeben von Grützmacher, Hunzinger, Köberle, Sachsse, Seeberg, von Walter. Leipzig: Deichert, 1907. Subscription price, M. 3.50 per annum.

The first number of this new German periodical has recently appeared, and from it may be learned the character of the journal. This first issue is devoted to a review of recent publications on Old Testament science. It is designed to supply a need not satisfied by other bibliographical publications, such as the *Theologische Rundschau*. Its aim is therefore to devote itself to the really important publications, and to indicate the trend of current scholarship in general, rather than to confine itself to isolated publications. This Old Testament number has succeeded fairly well in the attainment of these ends. But the character of the judgment passed upon recent Old Testament literature is, of course, determined by the critical and theological standpoint of the judge, Professor Köberle, who is well known as mediating between the old and the new.

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KELLY, WILLIAM. An Exposition of the Gospel of Mark. Edited by E. E. Whitfield. London: Elliot Stock, 1907. Pp. vi + 282. 5s.

Lectures published forty years ago in the *Bible Treasury* are now issued as a volume. A dogmatic temper and a mechanical idea of inspiration characterize them.

AYRES, S. G. Jesus Christ Our Lord: An English Bibliography. New York: Armstrong, 1906. Pp. 502. \$3 90.

While there is much that is worthless and antiquated in these lists, and a somewhat dogmatic point of view is occasionally revealed, this book will doubtless fill a certain want. It is not especially intended for students, but perhaps mainly for a more general public. Only books in English are included. Some important titles are omitted.

HUBBARD, G. H. The Teachings of Jesus in Parables. Boston: The Pilgrim Press, 1907. Pp. xii + 507. \$1.50.

These popular and interesting expositions of the parables reveal clear religious insight, practical

common-sense, and no small degree of literary skill.

BALJON, J. M. S. *Commentar op de Brieven van Paulus aan de Thessaloniërs, Efeziërs, Kolossers en aan Filemon*. Utrecht: Van Boekhoven, 1907. Pp. 357.

To his other extensive exegetical works, covering quite half the New Testament, Dr. Baljon has now added this volume, embodying a translation of the epistles named, together with extended and scholarly comment, but without introductions. Dr. Baljon accepts these epistles as Paul's.

THOMSEN, PETER. *Loca Sanita. Verzeichnis der im 1. bis 6. Jahr. hundert n. Chr. erwähnten Ortschaften Palästinas. Mit besonderer Berücksichtigung der Lokalisierung der biblischen Stätten*. I Band. Halle: R. Haupt, 1907. Pp. xvi + 143.

A valuable list of places mentioned in early Christian and contemporary literature, with references to the sources, and equivalents. This work promises to be an important contribution to the historical geography of Palestine.

MATHEWS, SHAILER. *The Church and the Changing Order*. New York: Macmillan, 1907. Pp. viii + 255. \$1.50.

A vigorous and timely discussion of the practical problem now before the church of adjustment to modern temper and conditions. Professor Mathews vigorously champions the gospel of historic fact, and points the way to its effective preaching; while he has diagnosed the disorders of the modern world with a skill and range rare indeed.

GARDNER, PERCY. *The Growth of Christianity*. (London Lectures.) London: A. and C. Black, 1907. Pp. xiv + 278. 3s. 6d.

Professor Gardner believes "in spiritual as distinct from . . . materialized Christianity, and are acceptance of evolutionary views of the history of the Christian society." His new book is an able and striking interpretation of the history of the church, from a somewhat unusual point of view. The author's intimate knowledge of Greek and Roman life make his chapters on their contribution to Christianity of especial value.

LEIGHTON, J. A. *Jesus Christ and the Civilization of To-Day. The Ethical Teaching of Jesus Considered in Its Bearings on the Moral Foundations of Modern Culture*. New York: Macmillan, 1907. Pp. x + 248. \$1.50 net.

A careful study of the ethical and religious thought of Jesus, with an account of its bearing on the spiritual life of today.